

Five Minute Chats on Our Presidents

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PRESIDENT FOR A MONTH

- 1773—February 9, birth of William Henry Harrison at Berkeley, Va.
- 1791—Entered the army.
- 1801-14—Governor of territory of Indiana.
- 1811—Battle of Tippecanoe.
- 1816-19—Member of congress.
- 1819-21—Member of Ohio senate.
- 1825-28—United States senator.
- 1828-29—Minister to Colombia.
- 1836—Candidate for president.
- 1841—March 4, inaugurated ninth president, aged 68. April 4, died in the White House, aged 68.

ALTHOUGH William Henry Harrison was elected to the presidency as the log-cabin candidate, in the first of our presidential campaigns, he was born to one of "the first families of Virginia," in a manner house on the banks of the aristocratic James. As a son of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration, with the blood of Pocahontas in his veins, and as a descendant of a Cromwellian colonel who signed the death warrant of a king, no president has had a longer, more historic lineage.

In ability William Henry Harrison fell below the standard of his predecessors. He was elected not because he was a great statesman or a great soldier, but because he was thoroughly representative of the new West, which was flattered to see in the White House for the first time a man created in its own image.

At Harrison's inauguration the presidency entered an eclipse and was held for 29 years by secondary characters, who reigned, but did not rule. With men of the eminence of Clay and Webster, Calhoun and Ben-



William Henry Harrison.

ton, Litterly Cass and Houston, Douglas and Davis, Case and Wade, Seward and Sumner in the senate, distinction and leadership passed from the White House to the capitol. It was an ignominious period in our politics when both parties were dodging the irrepressible issue of slavery, and the smaller the candidate for president the better chance he had to dodge the question.

In the teeth of a piercing northwest wind, the old farmer president-elect, bareheaded and disdaining the protection of an overcoat, rode horseback to the capitol. After addressing a great crowd that shivered in its shawls and furs, he insisted, though half-frozen, on remounting his horse and leading the inaugural parade.

No sooner was the first Whig president in the chair than the claims of factions and the clamor for patronage assailed him. Clay had declined cabinet honors—and labors—in the confident expectation of playing the easier and more powerful role of the power behind the throne. The imperious manner of the Great Commoner wounding the presidential pride, he was requested to make his calls at the White House as infrequent and inconspicuous as he conveniently could. Thereupon his total absence became embarrassingly conspicuous.

The one clear mandate of the election of 1840 was to turn out the Democrats and give the jobs to the Whigs. Straightway a hungry horde fell upon Harrison and literally devoured him. In a month to a day he was dead of pneumonia, the first president to die in office throughout the more than 50 years of its existence.

This briefest of administrations is a pathetic little story of a simple, lonely old man, lured from his farm to the sport of politics. Ailing in body and hurried in mind, he was without the care and companionship of his good wife, Anna Symmes Harrison, daughter of a New Jersey colonel in the Revolution who became one of the pioneer soldiers of Ohio. Broken by the hard toll of a frontier household and sorrowing for the loss of eight of her ten children, this wife of one president and grandmother of another, still was making ready to take up her duties as mistress of the White House when the news of her husband's death came to her.

A Greek herald with the forces before Troy was blessed with a very powerful voice, in fact we are told it was as loud as those of fifty other men. The man's name was Stentor and from his name we derive our modern word stentorian.

ITHACA

Superintendent and Mrs. Lewis Grettenberger are spending about two weeks at Argentine after which Mr. Grettenberger will attend summer school at Ann Arbor.

Charlotte Teachman was pleasantly surprised when the Golden Rule class rushed in upon her with bouquets of flowers. They brought well filled baskets with good things to eat which were spread on the lawn under the trees. The evening was spent in playing favorite games.

Mrs. Elva Botroff and her father, Mr. Snyder, are in Lansing, where they will spend a week or ten days with Mrs. Botroff's son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Botroff and family.

Mrs. George Rogers returned Monday from Detroit where she was called about a week ago because of the illness of her sister, Mrs. John Wright.

Helen Maloney Hartstein from near Detroit spent a part of the last week with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ringle and family.

Cards have been received by friends of Will Seaman announcing his marriage June 7 in Lincoln, Ill., to Miss Minnie Richey of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Barnes and daughter, Ruth, and Mr. Barnes mother, Mrs. Setchfield, are spending some time at Crystal.

Mrs. Jerome Shaul came Wednesday from Lansing to spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Myrta Brown.

Joseph Seaver made a business trip to Chicago the past week.

Mrs. Leon Harris of Alma was a guest Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Hoffman.

Mrs. F. M. Harrington entertained her Sunday school class at her home to supper Wednesday evening.

Those who attended the June association of Gratiot and Isabella County O. E. S. held at Wm. June 7, from this place were Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. Mary Wright, Mrs. W. Carr, Mrs. Elizabeth Helfer, Mrs. J. Parker, Mrs. C. H. Fleming, Mrs. Mildred Taft, Miss Sarah Brodebeck, Clyde Hays and Rev. L. L. Dewey.

Peabody & Son is the name of the new firm which owns the Central Bakery. The purchase was made from William Hubbard last week and the proprietors took possession Monday morning.

Ithaca M. E. Sunday school observed Children's Day Sunday evening. There were a number of special exercises closing with a pageant.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crane went to Midland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens of Breckenridge and son, Fred Stevens, of Annapolis spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Davis returned Saturday from Detroit where Mrs. Davis since coming from Florida has spent some time with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Davis.

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CHAS. R. MURPHY

The union missionary party will be held Friday, June 17, in Woodland Park in Ithaca. Mrs. William Roberts will have charge of a devotional meeting. Committees are as follows: Community singing, Mrs. B. F. McNall; tables and coffee, Mrs. Charles Barrone, Mrs. J. T. Mathews and Mrs. L. B. Sawyer; readings, Mrs. Fred Brown and Marie Packard; stunts, Mrs. M. G. Skinner, Nettie Comstock, Mrs. McIntosh; yelmaster, Mrs. G. P. Brown.

Mrs. Charles Green was surprised Thursday evening at her home here by about 35 relatives and neighbors, some coming from Lafayette, the occasion being her birthday. Ice cream and cake were served and a pleasant evening enjoyed.

Among the Y. M. C. A. boys who spent the week end at Crystal were Emory Freeman, R. C. and Rodney Lake, Carl Huebner and Delbert Shirley.

Mrs. George Baxter and children are spending three weeks with relatives in Battle Creek, Port Huron and Maxine City.

Bert Stacy has gone to Houghton where he will be engaged for some time at carpenter work.

R. S. Baker who recently sold his interest in the Baker & Baker restaurant of this place, has moved his family to Lansing. He will engage in the same business there with Louis Hornbeck.

Mrs. I. N. Cowdrey left Thursday for Milwaukee, Wis., where she will visit her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson.

C. A. Wright is holding a series of meetings this week at the Woodman school house in Washington township. Rev. William Roberts conducted the service Sunday evening and Rev. L. L. Dewey Monday evening.

Rev. Knight and wife are spending some time near Durand looking after a strawberry crop which they have at that place.

Miss Addie Parker is spending a few days with her brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker, at Summer, after which she will attend summer normal at Mt. Pleasant.

William E. Simmet of North Shade and Miss Emma Heiser of Carson City were united in marriage Wednesday.

day, June 8th, at the Methodist parsonage in Rhine, Rev. L. L. Dewey performing the ceremony. They will reside on a farm in North Shade.

BRECKENRIDGE

Children's Day services were held in the Methodist church Sunday morning. The title of the program was "A Fresh Bouquet for Children's Day." It contained many beautiful motion songs, drills, recitations and dialogues especially appropriate for Children's Day. The Children's Day program for the Congregational church will be held next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The Odd Fellows Memorial service will be held in the Congregational church in the morning.

Where is the "Grouch" who is howling "there'll be no fruit this year?" Mr. Terry Eldred has a pear tree which is well loaded with half grown pears, and is now in bloom for a second crop.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Will Kean Friday, June 11, a brand new daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Davis spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Miller of Saginaw.

The Lanshaw Players will be in Breckenridge all this week presenting a new play each evening under their big tent on the railroad grounds.

Mrs. Fannie Allen returned to her home in Battle Creek Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kime have moved into their new home on the farm just north of town recently purchased of F. A. Sexton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swope visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gumsolus, at Wheeler Sunday.

Elwin Jady and wife of Elm Hall motored here Sunday to be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Sexton.

Mrs. S. Morris left Sunday for a two weeks' visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Morris of South Wheeler.

Barney Swope of Wheeler were surprised Sunday evening by his children coming home. The occasion was his 81st birthday. Mr. Swope

has been a resident of Wheeler township for the past 60 years. Making his home here when everything was a wilderness, cutting the trees down to make room for a log cabin here, he brought his bride, Miss Margaret Parrish, in 1865. About 7 years ago Mr. Swope retired from his farm life and resided in the village of Wheeler. Light refreshments were served of ice cream and cakes. Those who were present were Will Swope of Wheeler, John Swope and wife of Breckenridge, Agnes Crawford of Breckenridge, W. E. Swope and wife and son, Burton, Frank Swope and wife and son, Merlin, of Wheeler, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hynes and daughter, Miss Lannah, of Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Parrish of Saginaw were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Coleman.

NORTHWEST SEVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Norton and son, Vern, spent Sunday at V. Dickinson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Jason Struble of Shepherd visited at the home of W. Tynan Sunday also called on Mr. and Mrs. Lee Loomis.

G. J. Poole left Wednesday for Mt. Clemens to be gone about three weeks.

Mr. Myers was called to Canada Tuesday by the death of his father, Haster Cobb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Cobb passed away Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Dickinson and little grandson, Louis Loomis, spent Friday at the home of W. Freeman in Gilmore township where they attended a birthday dinner given in honor of the latter's uncle, J. Rawson, who celebrated his 88th birthday.

Mrs. E. Fred is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. VanCleve, who live near Riverdale.

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